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SUBJECT: CCD: SOV DEL' S REQUEST FOR TALKS ON PROBLEM OF
PARTICIPATION IN ANY CTB

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AT CCD WESTERN GROUP MEETING
MARCH 19, MARTIN (US) INFORMED CCD DELS OF NATO ALLIES
AND JAPAN ABOUT OUR INTENDED RESPONSE TO
SOVS ON PARTICIPATION OF NUCLEAR POWERS IN CTB
PER REFTEL. THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON
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METHOD OR CONTENT OF PLANNED US DISCUSSION WITH SOVS,
BUT THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ON CURRENT SOV
POSITION ON CTB PARTICIPATION AND MOTIVES THEREFOR. END SUMMARY

2. MARTIN INFORMED NATO AND JAPANESE AMBS TO CCD THAT
SOVS HAD REQUESTED US VIEWS ON QUESTION OF PARTICIPA-
TION IN TEST BAN AND OUTLINED TO THEM POINTS WE PLAN
TO MAKE TO SOVS PER PARA 2 REFTEL. THERE WAS NO
COMMENT ON OUR PROPOSED DEMARCHE, THOUGH OUR POSITION
ON MANDATORY PARTIES (PARA 2 B) WAS CAREFULLY NOTED.

3. AMB NISIBORI (JAPAN) REPORTED THAT AS A RESULT
OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND HIS STAFF WITH
SOVS IN GENEVA, HE BELIEVED SOV POSITION ON PARTICIPA-
TION OF NUCLEAR POWERS IN A CTB TO BE AS FOLLOWS:
IT IS NOT RPT NOT ESSENTIAL THAT ALL NUCLEAR POWERS
PARTICIPATE IN CTB NEGOTIATIONS, IN WORKING OUT PARTIAL
MEASURES, OR EVEN IN SIGNING A TREATY; HOWEVER, FOR
TREATY TO TAKE EFFECT, ALL NUCLEAR POWERS WOULD HAVE TO
BE PARTIES TO IT. THIS IS CLEAR BREAK WITH PRECEDENTS
OF LTBT AND NPT. HOWEVER, THIS POSITION IS CONSONANT
WITH INSISTENCE OF SOVS OVER PAST FEW YEARS THAT
NUCLEAR TESTING BE STOPPED " EVERYWHERE AND BY EVERYONE".

4. NISIBORI NOTED THAT AFTER LEAVING PARTICIPATION
QUESTION UNTOUCHED IN RECENT YEARS, SOVS HAD DECIDED
TO RAISE IT IN THEIR FEB 20 PLENARY STATEMENT.
NISIBORI BELIEVED SOVS ARE LOOKING FOR SECOND LINE OF
DEFENSE TO USE IF US POSITION ON ADEQUATE VERIFICATION
OF CTB SHOULD CHANGE. MORE DEEP- SEATED REASON FOR
SOV POSITION WAS, IN NISIBORI' S VIEW, GROWING STRENGTH
OF PRC. NISIBORI OBSERVED THAT EVERY FORECAST WEST
HAS MADE IN PAST ABOUT CHINESE NUCLEAR STRENGTH HAS
PROVED TOO OPTIMISTIC. UK AMBASSADOR SPOKE LATER
ALONG SAME LINES WITH RESPECT TO SOV MOTIVES.

5. WE HAVE ASKED SOVS FOR EARLY MEETING WITH SOV CO-
CHAIRMAN TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. SOVS
ARE INSCRIBED TO SPEAK AT CCD PLENARY MAR 20 BUT HAVE
TOLD US SUBJECT IS CW. THEY HAVE SAID
THEY WOULD GIVE THEIR PROMISED CLARIFICATION ON CTB
PARTICIPATION AT A LATER DATE. RIMESTAD
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